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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Ashley J. Birkett)
Serial No.: 09/930,915) PATENT
Filed: August 15, 2001) Attorney Docket
For: IMMUNOGENIC HBc CHIMER) ICC-102.2
PARTICLES HAVING ENHANCED) (4564/81175)
STABILITY)
Examiner: Donna C. Wortman) Group Art No.
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ELECTION

MAIL STOP NON-FEE AMENDMENT
Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This is in response to the Requirement for Restriction mailed on September 17, 2003. That Restriction divided the claims into three claim Groups. Group I contains claims 1-78 drawn to chimeric hepatitis B proteins and particles comprising chimeric hepatitis B proteins. Claim Group II contains claims 79-97 and 110-115 that are directed to vaccines and methods. Claim Group III that contains claims 98-109 is drawn to nucleic acids, vectors and host cells. Claim Group I is hereby elected without traverse.

The requested election of claim group has been made. It is therefore believed that this application is in condition for examination on the merits.

An Information Disclosure Statement, art and Form PTO-1449 were filed previously.

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No further fee or petition is believed to be necessary. However, should any further fee be needed, please charge our Deposit Account No. 23-0920, and deem this paper to be the required petition. This paper is being filed in duplicate.

The Examiner is requested to phone the undersigned should any questions arise that can be dealt with over the phone to expedite this prosecution.

Respectfully submitted,

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